

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of how media consolidation is dangerous.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves is obligated by law to serve the public interest since it uses the airwaves free of charge. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Sinclair should not be allowed to preempt programming to show a politically motivated piece of television.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.